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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 29 November and 19 December 1995, there appear to have been 16 flights of fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of Security Council resolution 1031 (1995), the provisions of resolution 816 (1993) have been terminated with effect from the day on which the Secretary-General reported to the Security Council that the transfer of authority from UNPROFOR to the Implementation Force had taken place, i.e. 20 December 1995.

The overall number of flights assessed as apparent violations is 7,552.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(29 November-19 December 1995)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, altitude, speed
7537	29 Nov.	1045	1112	The airborne warning and control system (AWACS) made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 5 kilometres east of Gornji Vakuf, lost contact 45 kilometres south-west of Gornji Vakuf and regained contact 3 kilometres south of Bugonjo. The aircraft faded 8 kilometres south-west of Vitez. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Low South
7538	29 Nov.	1046	0155	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 20 kilometres west of Mostar, whose track faded 2 kilometres south of Posusje. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-west Low Slow
7539	29 Nov.	1250	1252	UNPROFOR personnel observed a blue and white Mi-8 helicopter overflying Zenica. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow
7540	29 Nov.	1345	1357	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 5 kilometres south-west of Bugonjo, whose track faded 45 kilometres south-west of that city. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Low Slow
7541	1 Dec.	0034	0034	UNPROFOR manned radar made contact with an unidentified aircraft 25 kilometres south-east of Bihac. The aircraft flew heading east and was observed for only a few seconds. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Unknown Slow
7542	1 Dec.	1108	1116	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft at Posusje, whose track faded 10 kilometres south-west thereof. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-west Unknown Slow
7543-7545	7 Dec.	1140	1150	UNPROFOR personnel observed blue and white Mi-8 helicopters overflying Zenica on three separate occasions. These unauthorized flights took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Low Slow
7546	8 Dec.	1110	1113	UNPROFOR personnel observed a UTVA-75 fixed-wing aircraft flying in circle 12 kilometres south of Tuzla. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Low Slow

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, altitude, speed
7547	9 Dec.	1310	1318	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 2 kilometres north of Kiseljak, whose track faded 20 kilometres south-west of Zenica. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Low Slow
7548	9 Dec.	1328	1333	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 30 kilometres west of Bugonjo, whose track faded 42 kilometres west of that city. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	West Low Slow
7549	11 Dec.	0958	1005	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 10 kilometres north-east of Banja Luka, whose track faded 2 kilometres north of that city. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Unknown Slow
7550	11 Dec.	1601	1615	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 15 kilometres north-east of Posusje, whose track faded 5 kilometres south of that city. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Low Slow
7551	16 Dec.	1045	1047	An UNPROFOR helicopter observed a blue and white Mi-8 helicopter overflying Gornji Vakuf from south to north. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Low Slow
7552	16 Dec.	1123	1140	AWACS made radar contact with an unidentified aircraft 30 kilometres south of Gornji Vakuf, whose track faded 25 kilometres south-east of Posusje. This unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-west Low Slow